

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-3, 5-10 are pending. Claim 4 has been canceled. Claims 1 and 9 have been amended. No new matter has been introduced.

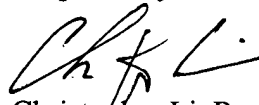
Applicants note that claims 4 and 9 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have amended the claims accordingly. Specifically, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the features of claim 4, and claim 9 has been rewritten in independent form incorporating the features of base claim 1. Therefore, claims 1 and 9 are allowable; and claims 2-3, 5-8, and 10 depending therefrom are also allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,



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